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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: M. KITAMURA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/673,195  
Filed: September 30, 2003  
For: COMPUTER SYSTEM  
Group: 2157  
Examiner: L. Jacobs

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 21, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 21, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.